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Title: WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM
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Sir:

Your Petitioner, QCEPT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., having its principal place of business at 75 Fifth Street NW, Suite 222, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1030, represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/771,628, filed February 3, 2004 by virtue of an Assignment recorded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 27, 2007. A copy of the Assignment and the Confirmation Receipt is attached as Appendix A. Further, your Petitioner represents that it is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,957,154, which issued on U.S. Patent Application No. 10/631,469, filed July 29, 2003, by virtue of an Assignment filed and recorded on December 22, 2003, on Reel/Frame 014819/0575, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a copy of the recorded Assignment is attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

Your Petitioner, QCEPT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., hereby disclaims the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the above identified patent application which would

extend beyond the full statutory term, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent 6,957,154, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above identified patent application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to U.S. Patent 6,957,154 shall be the same as the legal title to any patent granted on the above identified patent application, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above identified patent application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above identified patent application, prior to the full statutory term of U.S. Patent 6,957,154 as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154-156 and 173, in the event that U.S. Patent 6,957,154 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable or is found invalid in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR §1.321(a), has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate or as a result of an interference proceeding, or is otherwise not deemed to provide the rights conveyed by 35 USC §154, prior to the full statutory term of U.S. Patent 6,957,154 as defined in 35 USC §§154-156 and 173, except for the separation of legal title stated above. Further, Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of a patent granted on the above identified patent application that would extend beyond the present termination of U.S. Patent 6,957,154, in the event that such present term is extended by virtue of compliance with the conditions for term extension of any present or future patent term extension provisions of the patent law, including but not limited to 35 U.S.C. §§155, 155A or 156, and without waiving Petitioner's right to extend the term of a patent granted on the above identified patent application to the extent provided by law.

The undersigned, being the Attorney of Record for the above identified patent application, and duly authorized to act on behalf of Petitioner, certifies that he has reviewed the Assignments attached as APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, legal title to the above identified patent application and U.S. Patent 6,957,154 rests with Petitioners, QCEPT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. The undersigned declares that all statements made

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Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A



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(hereinafter ASSIGNEE) its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the United States, its territories and possessions, and all foreign countries in and to this invention relating to

WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM

as set forth in this United States Patent Application

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 ☒ Serial No. 10/771,628 filed February 3, 2004

as well as in and to (a) all improvements and modifications of the above-identified invention or inventions, (b) the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto for above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (c) all Letters Patent which may issue from said applications in the United States and countries foreign thereto, (d) all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions of said applications and Letters Patent, and (e) the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights under the International Convention and any other international agreement to which the United States adheres; such right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this Assignment not been made.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES ASSIGNEE to file patent applications in any or all countries on the above-identified invention or inventions in the name of the undersigned or in the name of ASSIGNEE or otherwise as ASSIGNEE may deem advisable under the International Convention or otherwise.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE as assignee of the entire interest, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AGREES (a) to communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, or their representative or agents, all facts and information known or available to ASSIGNOR respecting said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications including evidence for interference, reexamination, reissue, opposition, revocation, extension, or infringement purposes or other legal, judicial, or administrative proceedings, whenever requested by ASSIGNEE; (b) to testify in person or by affidavit as required by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in any such proceeding in the United States or a country foreign thereto; (c) to execute and deliver, upon request by ASSIGNEE, all lawful papers including, but not limited to, original, divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, renewals, assignments, powers of attorney, oaths, affidavits, and declarations, depositions; and (d) to provide all reasonable assistance to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in obtaining and enforcing proper title in and protection for said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications under the intellectual property laws of the United States and countries foreign thereto.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS that ASSIGNOR has the full and unencumbered right to sell, assign, and transfer the interests sold, assigned, and transferred herein, and that ASSIGNOR has not executed and will not execute any document or instrument in conflict herewith.

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Executed this 12th day of February, 2004.

Matthew B. Steele

M. BRANDON STEELE

State of Georgia)
County of Walton)ss.

On this 12th day of February, 2004, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared M. BRANDON STEELE, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Patricia B. Baker

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 23, 2005

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Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne
JEFFREY ALAN HAWTHORNE

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On this 12th day of February, 2004, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared JEFFREY ALAN HAWTHORNE, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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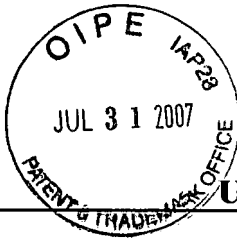
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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, M. Brandon Steele of 1626 Springbrook Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30030 and **Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne** of 209 East Maple Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030; (hereinafter referred to singly and collectively as "ASSIGNOR") have invented a certain invention entitled **SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM** for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on July 29, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/631,469; and

WHEREAS, QCEPT TECHNOLOGIES, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and having its principal place of business at 75 Fifth Street, NW, Suite 222, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1030 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to (a) the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (b) the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto for the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (c) all Letters Patent which may issue from said applications in the United States and countries foreign thereto, (d) all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions of said applications and Letters Patent, and (e) the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights under the International Convention and any other international agreement to which the United States adheres; such right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this Assignment not been made.

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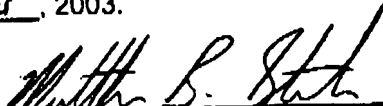
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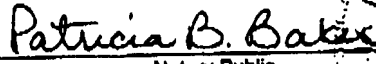
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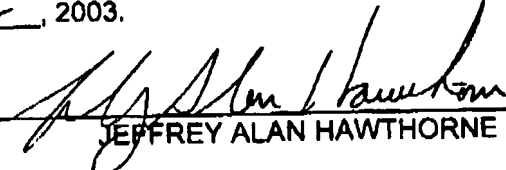
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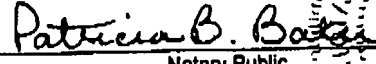
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